

“How to Hear God’s Voice”  
Acts 13:1-3

Why is it important to hear God speak?

1. It assures me that I’m in God’s family.

“Jesus said, “I know those who are mine and they hear my voice.” John 10:14

2. It protects me from mistakes.

“God speaks causing them to change their mind and keeping them from pride and from falling into some traps.” Job 33:17-18

3. It is the secret of a productive life.

“The person who shares my life and whose life I share will be fruitful.” John 15:5

Why don’t we listen?

1. We don’t really want to hear what God has to say (fear, pride, bitterness).
2. We don’t believe that God wants to speak to us personally.
3. We don’t want to deal with our sin.

“If I hold on to sin in my heart, the Lord will not hear”. Psalms 66:18

4. We won’t sell out to God’s will.
5. We won’t wait for God’s timing.
6. We have not trained our ears to His voice.

How does God speak to us?

1. Through His written Word

“The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It is God’s way of making us well prepared at every point.” 2 Timothy 3:16, 17

“The Holy Spirit will be your teacher and will bring to your mind all I have said to you.” John 14:26

2. Through relationships with other Christians

“God’s intent is that through the church the manifold wisdom of God should be made known.” Ephesians 3:10

“In the multitude of counselors there is safety.” Proverbs 11:14

3. Through obedience to God’s known will for your life

Principle: Obey the written will of God first

Principle: God's will is generally revealed to us a step at a time.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalms 119:105

4. Through taking the time to slow down and listen

"Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalms 46:10

5. Through being ready to respond to what God wants to say

"God speaks again and again, in dreams and visions at night when deep sleep falls...as people lie on their beds. He opens their ears in times like that, and gives them wisdom and instruction."  
Job 33:14, 15, 16

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding – in all your ways acknowledge or know him – and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5, 6